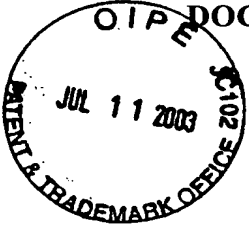


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Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the Decision of the Primary Examiner mailed **January 13, 2003** finally rejecting claims **17-20** of the above-identified patent application.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. STATUS OF APPLICANT

- ☒ Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27.
- ☐ Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27 as:
- ☐ an Independent Inventor
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